



2017 Agroecology Symposium

Urban Agriculture: Building Towards A More Sustainable Future

8:30am-9:20am: Registration

9:20am-11:00am: Welcome Address and Panel Discussion on Urban Agriculture

Mr. Jorge Abreu is the Executive Director for the Dade County Farm Bureau, which is the largest agricultural organization in Miami-Dade with more than 3000 members and one of the oldest Farm Bureaus in Florida. Mr. Abreu received a Master's Degree in Business Administration from Florida International University and Bachelor's degree from University of Florida in Environmental Horticulture & Animal Science. He also is a graduate of the esteemed Wedgworth Leadership Institute for Agriculture and Natural Resources. He previously worked for Altima International Group, and owned and operated West Kendall Nursery, Inc. Mr. Abreu has served on numerous local and state agricultural advisory boards.

Councilman David Williams is the Director of Community Relations for Informed Families, National Family Partnership, a non-profit prevention organization focusing on educating families and helping kids grow up safe, healthy, and drug-free. Mr. Williams earned a Master of Science from Barry University and Bachelor of Science from Florida A & M University. He currently serves as the Vice Chairman of the Finance Committee and is a member of the Executive Committee for the Children's Trust Governing Board of Directors. Mr. Williams also serves as a board member with The Early Learning Coalition for Dade/Monroe Counties.

11:00am-11:15pm: Awards Ceremony

11:15am-12:15pm: Poster Presentations on current Agroecology research

12:15pm-1:15pm: Networking Lunch

1:15pm-4:30pm: Oral Presentations on sustainable agriculture and natural resource management and conservation

Date: Thursday, March 2nd, 2017

Location: FIU-MMC MARC Pavilion



Jorge Abreu
Executive Director of the Dade
County Farm Bureau (DCFB)



David Williams
Miami Gardens City Councilman

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